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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B for May 1941

SUBJECT.

Bill to amend the Mysore Elementary Education Act 1941 Submitted for Dewans Sanction

P. 5770 dated 14.5.41

WD 0578—GPB—22,500—12-9-39

States that the Dewan regrets he cannot grant the permission asked for

Subject - A bill to amend the Mysore Elementary Education Act, 1941

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General and Revenue Secretariat
R. A. & L. C.

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Serial No.

Letter dated 16.4.1941 from Mr D. H. Chandrasekharanya M.R.A. Davanagere Taluk requesting permission to move a bill to amend the Mysore Elementary Edn. Act 1941 at the ensuing Session of the R.A.

1) If approved the Bill will be forwarded to the Law Sectt. for taking further action in accordance with the provisions of Rule 32 & 33 of the Mysore Legislative Rules 1941.

DBR 18.4

2) MKV 21/4

3 Law Secy)

4 [illegible] 21/4/41. MKV 22/4

5 Asst Secy, Protection W.C

6 The file may perhaps be sent to the administration Branch concerned to consider the desirability of the change proposed by the measure before submitting the file to the Dewan

Subd for orders

yes BXR 22.4.41

[illegible] 22/4/41

8) Edn Branch)

9. In the Elementary Education Act of 1941, a provision has been made for Compulsory Education in chapter VI The Section in this chapter become operative, in ~~such a~~ area to which the provisions of Chapter VI have

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been applied from a date on which they are brought into force. That is a ~~place has~~ particular area has to be declared as Comme under chapter VI. ~~when the sections~~ Otherwise the sections of chapter VI do not apply, and the area will not be under "Compulsory Edn area".

The idea of the mover of the Bill is to introduce Compulsion in the Case of pupils who have once joined the Primary Schools, and to Compell each student to attend the entire period of four years of [illegible] when once he has Voluntarily entered into the first year class.

The New Ele. Edn Act has just been passed, and Comes into effect ~~with effect~~ from 1-7-41. It is for Consideration whether it may not be too soon to amend the Same, without knowing how the provisions of the Act have worked, ~~at all~~ and whether the result ~~for another year~~ of the introduction of the new Act may not be watched for another year or two.

If it is Considered necessary the D.P.I may perhaps Also be Consulted

for order ~~[illegible] the Work [illegible] for the R.A.~~

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The D.P.I. may be unofficially Committee

2nd member)

24/4/41

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OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 24 APR. 1941 No. 8828

Forwarded with compliments to the Director of Public Instruction Unofficial for favour of remarks on the proposed Bill

By order

Nanjamelly

24/4/41 — for General Secretary

U.O.No.P.S. 19 of 40-41. Dated: 1 - MAY 1941

Returned with compliments.

I agree in general with the views expressed in the Secretariat note that as the new Elementary Education Act has just recently been passed and has not even yet come into force, it would be premature to embark upon a scheme of partial compulsion at this stage.

Mr. Chandrasekharaiya, the proposer of the amendment to the Act, suggests that Government, for the carrying out of his proposals, should appoint one or more officers or committees for each elementary school, with powers and duties as may be prescribed. Whatever views may be held about the general merits of Mr. Chandrasekharaiya's proposals, this method of carrying them out through school committees would in

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in my opinion spoil any chances of the success of the scheme. I do not believe from what we have seen of the working of Committees under local bodies in the last 10 years that any local primary school committee would take decisive action to fine parents who did not keep their children at school. If any proposal of this kind is ever put into operation, the punishment side of the act will have to be enforced rigorously by the Department.

At the present moment, out of every 100 children who enter the I year class in a primary school, only about 20 complete the IV year class. This state of affairs is the greatest source of waste of money in the Education Department. Mr. Chandrasekharaiya's proposal would undoubtedly put an end to this wastage in primary schools, but I think it is fairly obvious that in rural places it would have the effect, at any rate in the first few years of the scheme, of reducing drastically the number of children entering the I year class in primary schools. The general effect of this reduction would of course be extremely beneficial, because the large classes generally found in the I years of primary schools would be reduced to manageable numbers, and, except for illness, all pupils beginning in the I year class would complete the primary school course. This would mean that practically all the money spent on primary education would give educational value in return, instead of the present system where 80% of it is wasted. As a preliminary to general compulsion, I feel that some scheme like Mr. Chandrasekharaiya's will ultimately have to be started in the State.

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At the same time I would not advise Government to accept Mr. Chandrasekharaiya's amendment to the Elementary Education Act at the present juncture. If any such measure of partial compulsion is proposed, I think introduced after the Department has conducted through its Assistant Inspectors and with the help of prominent local people an intensive campaign in the villages which would attempt to educate the people regarding these new proposals.

I do not think that the State is ready yet for any scheme of this kind, and I should like the Department to have had charge of elementary schools again for several years, before any such ideas are put into force. A very different mentality will have to be introduced in many of the present elementary school teachers, and until some of the discipline that has been lost during the last 10 years has been restored in this section of the Department, I do not think it would be advisable to accept an amendment to the act of the kind proposed.

[signature] 1/5/41

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

GENERAL SECRETARY. 2 MAY 1941

The opinion of the D.P.I at A. may perhaps be accepted & the same intimated to the Law. Secte

Genl Secy) 2/5/41

2nd member) 4.5 3/5

Law-Secretary) 5/5 5/5 2/5

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Non-official Bill – Bill to amend Elementary Education Act, 1945

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The Bill non-official bill sent by a member of the Representative Assembly for obtaining the permission of the Dewan to introduce the Bill.

The opinions of the administrative branch concerned and the D.P.S. are given, and are against the proposed Bill

Submitted for order

BKR
6.5.41

Law Secy

Permission may not be granted

DEWAN'S OFFICE
7. MAY 1941
NO 7564

Bill to amend the Mysore Elementary Education Act.1941.

Insert a new Chapter between Chapter V and Chapter VI. as follows :-

Chapter.VI.

Compulsory Attendance.

25. Whenever a parent sends a child to any Elementary School, it shall be his duty to cause that child to attend the School for so many days in the year for such time on each day of attendance as may be prescribed by the Education Department unless there is a reasonable excuse for its non - attendance.

26. (i). Any one of the following circumstances is reasonable excuse for non-attendance :-

(i). That the child is prevented from attending School by sickness or infirmity or other unavoidable cause or.

(ii). that the child is receiving instruction in some other satisfactory manner or that the child is exempted from such attendance by proper - authority.

(2). Where a reasonable excuse for non -attendance exists, the parent shall obtain a certificate of exemption from such authority and in such manner as may be prescribed.

27. A parent who without lawful excuse fails to keep in an Elementary School any child whom he has sent to attend School shall, after due warning in such manner and by such authority as may be prescribed, be liable on a conviction by a Magistrate to a fine not exceeding Rs 2/- and to a fine not exceeding Rs 10/- for a second or subsequent conviction.

28. The Government may for carrying out the provisions of this chapter effectively appoint one or more Officers or Committees for each Elementary School and with powers and duties as may be prescribed.

Renumber Chapter, VI as Chapter VII, and clauses. 25. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 as 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 34 and 35.

Renumber chapter VII, as chapter, VIII and clauses 32, 33, 34, and 35 as 36, 37, 38 and 39.

In clause 34 (vii) substitute for the word and figure " Section 29" the words " Section 27 and section 28"

Bill to amend the Mysore Elementary Education Act.

Statement of Principles.

With a view to prevent wastage in elementary Education it is very necessary to insist on the Compulsory attendance of children during the entire period of four years of Primary School as prescribed by the Education Department, when once they voluntarily enter it. But whenever any child after voluntarily entering an elementary School is prevented from attending it by sickness, infirmity or other unavoidable cause or is receiving instruction in some other satisfactory manner or is exempted from such attendance by proper authority, the parent of the child can obtain a certificate of exemption from prescribed authority. Failure on the part of the parent without lawful excuse to keep any child whom he has sent to attend School will, after due warning, make him liable on conviction by a Magistrate to a fine not exceeding Rs 2/- and to a fine not exceeding Rs 10/- for a second or subsequent conviction. Lastly the Government will be empowered to appoint one or more Officers or Committees for each Elementary School to carry out the above principles.

H. Chandrasekharaiya

Member, Representative Assembly, Davangere Tq.

Bangalore,
16/4/1941.

To

The Secretary,

Law Department of the Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to send the subjects enclosed herewith for inclusion in the Agenda of the forth coming Session of the Representative Assembly.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
18 APR 1941
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
AND
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

D. H. Chandrashekharaya

Member, Representative Assembly

Davangere Taluk.

Bangalore,

16/4/1941.

Subjects

1) one Bill
2) one Interpellation
3) one Representation } Attached
4) one Resolution

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D. Chandrasekharaiya

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Member, Representative

Assembly, Davangere Tq.

Bangalore

16/4/1941.

Bill to amend the Mysore Elementary Education Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS & REASONS.

The Government appointed a Committee in the year 1937 to review the progress of elementary education in Mysore and to suggest measures for its rapid expansion and improvements. That Committee came to the conclusion that the existing arrangements were not conducive either to the spread of elementary education or to the increase of literacy among the people and recommended that the Government might resume management and control of elementary education. This recommendation was accepted by the Government and they have recently implemented the same in the New Mysore Elementary Education Act of 1941. In passing this Act, the Government have given the promise to open 1000 additional Primary Schools within a period of four years. Though the expansion of elementary Education is thus assured yet there is nothing in the Act or in the Statements of Government to prevent the wastage in educational efforts which has been going on unchecked from a long time and has been responsible for keeping the literacy at a low level. As pointed out by the aforesaid Committee, if 100 pupils enter the first-year class, hardly 25 of them remain in the school when they go up to the Fourth-year class. It is therefore very necessary to amend the Elementary Education Act so as to provide for compulsory attendance of pupils under penalties of law during the entire period of four years of Primary School when once they voluntarily enter the School . Non attendance for reasonable causes will of course be excused. The present Bill is intended to achieve the objects set forth above.

D. H. Chandrasekharaiya

16/4/1941
Bangalore

Member, Representative Assembly
Davangere Taluk.

No. P5770 & 14.5.41.

To

D.H. Chandrasekharaiya, Esq.,
Member, Representative Assembly,
Davangere Taluk.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 16th April 1941 submitting a Bill to amend the Mysore Elementary Education Act, 1941, for obtaining the sanction of the Dewan to place it before the Representative Assembly, I am directed to state that as the Principal Act sought to be amended is not yet in force, and as any compulsion of the kind envisaged in the Bill would, in the present conditions, tend to drastically reduce the number of children entering the Primary Schools, the Dewan regrets he cannot grant the permission asked for.

I have, etc.,

H. V. 12/5/41

Secy, to Government,
Law Dept.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat 14th May 1941.

Bangalore, Dated,

No. P5770

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From

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Law Department.

To D.H.Chandrasekharaiya, Esq.,
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Davangere Taluk.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

BKR

for Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

HKR.